

been accorded to these projects so far;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) to (f) The information is given in statement attached. These projects are isolated projects. Since all the quality affected problem habitations cannot be tackled with this type of isolated projects, State Governments have been requested to prepare a comprehensive action plan to provide safedinking water to all quality affected habitations. No comprehensive project proposal has been received from the State Government.

#### Statement

##### Details of List of Projects pending

State Name	No. of Projects pending
Andhra Pradesh	36
Gujarat	6
Karnataka	1
Madhya Pradesh	2
Maharashtra	3
Rajasthan	2
Uttar Pradesh	2
West Bengal	1
All India	53

#### UT/State Cadre Officers

3941. SHRI NITISH BHARADWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the officers belonging to U.T./State Cadre are ignored and in their places I.A.S. officers are posted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government ensure that such usurpation of rights of cadre officers is put to an end immediately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Posting of IAS officers serving in connection with the affairs of the State

Government is entirely within their competence and such decisions are based on administrative requirements.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Refineries

3942. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of refineries proposed to be set up during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the States where these refineries are proposed to be set up;

(c) whether any such refinery is proposed to be set up in Orissa also during 9th plan; and

(d) if so, the details of their location ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (d) The new grass-root refineries proposed to set up/commissioned by PSUs/their JVCs during the IX Plan, are as under :-

S.No.	Name of Refinery	State
1.	Panipat Refinery	Haryana
2.	Numaligarh Refinery	Assam
3.	Central India Refinery	Madhya Pradesh
4.	West Coast Refinery	Maharashtra
5.	East Coast Refinery	Orissa

[Translation]

#### Investment in Wastelands Development Work

3943. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :  
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a huge amount has been misappropriated in the wasteland development work during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of amount invested for wasteland development; and

(d) the outcome of this investment during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Mis-appropriation of huge amount in the waste-

land development work has not come to the notice of the Department during the last three years.

In a few cases at the time of evaluation of the project, performance of some projects for which funds have been released have not been found satisfactory on some counts or lagging behind in time schedule, the concerned authorities of such projects have been directed

to take suitable corrective measures.

(c) and (d) During the last three years (1993-94 to 1995-96), a total amount of Rs. 164.19 crores have been invested under the various schemes of the Department of Wastelands Development for treatment of 1,90,571 ha. of wastelands. Details are given in the attached Statement.

#### Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Funds released during last three years (1993-94 to 1995-96) (Rs. in crores)	Area for treatment during last 3 years (1993-94 to 1995-96) (Area in ha.)
1	2	3	4
1.	Integrated Wastelands Development Project Scheme.	148.53	1,73,000
2.	Support to NGOs/Voluntary Agencies (VAs).	9.40	13,100
3.	Technology Development, Extension and Training Scheme.	5.29	4,000
4.	Investment Promotion Scheme.	0.21	91
5.	Wastelands Development Task Force	0.76	380
Total		164.19	1,90,571

[English]

#### Power project at Ramagundam

3944.SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 520 MW BPL power project which is being set up at Ramagundam has been referred to the Central Electricity Authority; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project has obtained in-principle clearance of the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 6.2.1996. M/s BPL Power Projects (A.P.) Ltd. has submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) to CEA in February, 1997, envisaging setting up of 2X260 (520) MW at Ramagundam at an estimated cost of Rs. 2369.76 crore (@ 1 US\$=Rs.35.50). The DPR was considered by the CEA. but could not be recommended for techno-economic clearance.

[Translation]

#### Defacing of Lucknow

3945.SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the High Court is unhappy with top officers of Lucknow Development Authority and Municipal Corporation for converting Lucknow into a slum;

(b) if so, the reasons for defacing of Lucknow;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to improve the situation there;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (e) So far as Lucknow Development Authority is concerned, Uttar Pradesh Administration has denied the statement that the High Court is unhappy with top officers of the Authority.